



CLATSOP COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

History Matters

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Curator's Corner

by Dr. Chelsea K. Vaughn, Curator

One of my favorite annual events, Old-Fashioned Fun and Games, is returning to the Flavel House grounds. Join us Saturday, May 3, and Sunday, May 4, from 11 am to 4 pm, for two days of free revelry. Try your hand at our carnival games, learn the fine art of butter making, and definitely eat some ice cream. Visitors might also play Victorian-era sports like croquet or badminton and show their competitive side in our sack race or pie eating contest. Youth who complete a majority of the scheduled activities will receive a fabulous prize! Our cash-only concession stand will refuel you for continued fun (and games) at a modest cost. We hope to see everyone there!

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Revelers from last year's Fun and Games [clockwise from upper left] enjoy hitting the High Striker, a pie eating contest, an egg race, mechanical penny banks, and a sack race.



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Oregon Chinese Diaspora Project Public Archaeology and Remote Sensing Field School

The Oregon Chinese Diaspora Project (OCDP) will be holding an archeological field school in Astoria this summer to document our community's rich Chinese heritage. A number of community events will accompany the OCDP field school, including a talk by Dr. Jennifer Fang, an oral history project at our Heritage Museum, and a history gameshow night with Zachary Stocks of Oregon Black Pioneers.

For more information about this and other OCDP projects visit:
<https://oregon-chinese-diaspora-project-sou.hub.arcgis.com/>

Digital Archive News

by Julie Burpee, Digital Archivist

We now have nearly **4,000** items available through the Internet Archive!

Check them out at the web address below or use the QR code:



<https://archive.org/details/clatsopcountyhistoricalsociety>

If you are looking for a gift for your mother, you can use the Clatsop County Historical Society's Internet Archive account for inspiration! When you type "Mother's Day" into the text search, you will find a plethora of gift ideas from the past! For example:

- In the 1920s, '30s, & '40s you will see local student groups like the Tri-Y's and the Girls League hosting various Mother's Day Luncheons, Teas, and Banquets. Spending time with your mother over a meal is a great gift for her.
- A 1926 advertisement for Utzinger's Bookstore in Astoria suggested that you, "Scatter Sunshine with Greeting Cards – Remember Mother!" Hand writing a message of love to your mom is something she will treasure for always.
- Have you ever thought about performing a Mother's Day skit or song for your mom? In 1936, the Clatsop County Music Festival at the old Gyro Football Field featured students from throughout Clatsop County putting on shows in honor of their mothers.
- Perhaps a round of golf? In the 1980s and '90s, the Astoria Golf and Country Club offered a Mother's Day Golf Tournament and Buffet.
- Whatever you do, be sure to follow the advice of the 1992 Columbia River Bicentennial and "Bring Mom to the Festivities!"

I always tell my children that EVERY DAY is Mother's Day! You can celebrate all of these activities all through the year! Enjoy your time together, and remember to visit our Internet Archive site for more great ideas!

[left] The Flavel House in full bloom. [below] Cyanotypes of mother and child circa 1900. See this image and more in Louise Tallant's photo album found in the CCHS Internet Archive collections:

<https://archive.org/details/louise.tallant.cyano.photo.1900>



Flavel House Garden Society

Regular meetings of the Flavel House Garden Society are now in bloom! Join them Wednesdays from 1 to 3 pm (10 am to noon during the summer) to hone your gardening skills under the guidance of a master gardener while beautifying the Flavel House grounds.



Make Mother's Day a full-weekend affair with Mother's Day Tea and Scones in the Flavel House Museum dining room on **Saturday, May 10, from 1 to 4 pm**. Guests will be treated to hot tea with all the regular accompaniments, fresh scones, and other teatime favorites.

\$15.00 per person or \$10.00 for CCHS members, price includes admission to the Flavel House Museum. Call 503-325-2203 for more information and to make a reservation.

Thursday Night Talks

Join Zachary Stocks on Thursday, May 15, as he presents, "Lost Monuments of the Northwest," an exploration of the monuments erected as part of the Great Northern Railway's historical tours of the region in 1925 and 1926. While our own Astoria Column is the most celebrated of these, there were six other official monuments, another five community-sponsored ones, two flagpoles, and a fence dedicated during the celebrations that accompanied the railroad tours. Come learn of these and their various fates at May's TNT.

Fort George's Lovell Showroom.
Doors open at 6. Talk begins at 7.

Astoria Column turns 100!

The Astoria Column celebrates its centennial in 2026. From the beginning, it's been a popular subject for photographers. These images reveal how the Column has changed over the years (including some very impressive restoration efforts) as well as the huge variety of visitors to the Column. Add your own family photos to our collection! We are seeking candid shots of the Column as part of its centennial celebration. Either upload your photos using the QR code or bring them by the Heritage Museum (1618 Exchange Street), and we can scan them for you.

For more information call 503-338-4849 or email curator@astoriamuseums.org



An inflatable T-Rex joins the festivities on the Flavel House lawn.

Fort George Lupulin Ecstasy Festival

Local brewery Fort George is hosting this annual 3-Way IPA celebration on the Flavel House Museum grounds Saturday, May 17. The Flavel House and the Oregon Film Museum will be closed to the public for the event.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit the Fort George website: fortgeorgebrewery.com



The, now, heavily-graffitied Meriwether Obelisk marks Camp Disappointment located in the Blackfeet Indian Reservation.



Upload your own photos of the Astoria Column and view other people's pictures here!



Scenes from the Astoria Column over the years.



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Upcoming Events

- May 3-4:** Old-Fashioned Fun and Games, Flavel House Grounds, 11am to 4pm.
- May 10:** Mother's Day Tea, Flavel House, \$15.00 per person or \$10.00 for CCHS members, Saturday 1 to 4pm.
- May 15:** TNT with Zachary Stocks, "Lost Monuments of the Northwest," Fort George Brewery Lovell Showroom, 1483 Duane Street, doors open at 6pm.
- May 17:** Fort George Lupulin Ecstasy Festival. Flavel House and Oregon Film Museum closed to the public.
- June 5-8:** Goonies 40th Anniversary Celebration.
- July 18-August 29:** Oregon Chinese Diaspora Project Field School.

Ongoing Events

- Sundays, 8:30-9pm:** Mac Burns and Alana Kujala host *An Adventure in History* on KMUN.
- Wednesdays:** Flavel House Garden Society
Volunteers meet at the Flavel House Grounds.
Quiet on Set! Behind the Scenes with The Goonies exhibit at the Heritage Museum, 1618 Exchange Street.



The Goonies at the Flavel House.

The Flavel House and the Oregon Film Museum (visible in the background) had starring roles in the film's opening sequence

Find out about all of the exciting events planned celebrating *The Goonies* 40th Anniversary:

<https://www.gooniesweekend.com/>